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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE ELECTIONS: REPORT NO. ONE
FOR ARA/ APU TONKIN

1. SUMMARY: ELECTION WEEKEND BEGAN WITH FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA CHARGES THAT GOVT HAD NOT PROVIDED PRIMISED CLEAN ELECTORAL PROCESS

AND WITH LANUSSE SPEECH WHICH IMPLICITLY URGED CITIZENRY NOT TO VOTE FOR FRENTE. WITH THIS LAST EXCHANGE, HOWEVER, ELECTION DAY DAWNED IN ATMOSPHERE OF TRANQUILITY. WITH EXCEPTION OF FEW MINOR INCIDENTS, VOTING HAS BEEN ORDERLY AND TURNOUT HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE. VOTE COUNT IS JUST BEGINNING. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ELECTION WEEKEND OPENED ON THE SAME NOTE WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED MOST OF THE CAMPAIGN -- I. E. ONE OF COURTEIOUS EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES AND INVECTIVE BETWEEN THE FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA AND THE GOVERNMENT. AT THE MEETING OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES CALLED THURSDAY BY CGE HEAD JOSE GELBARD, CAMPORA AND BALBIN GREETED ONE ANOTHER CORDIALLY, SHOOK HANDS AND WISHED ONE ANOTHER GOOD LUCK IN TODAY' S ELECTIONS. FRIDAY, IN REACTION TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR MOR ROIG' S STATEMENTS THAT THESE WOULD BE CLEANEST ELECTIONS IN ARGENTINE HISTORY, CAMPORA WENT ON TELEVISION TO BLAST LANUSSE GOVT' S EFFORRTS TO HAMPER FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA CAMPAIGN. HE FURTHER COMPLAINED THAT BY GIVING
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TELEVISED ADDRESS TO NATION AFTER RESTS WITH GVN. MEAN-
WHILE HOWEVER, MACV HAS ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, WHICH WILL BE
CONTINUED BY DAO AFTER X PLUS 60, FOR MONITORING ALL ORDERS AND
SCREENING ALL CARGO MANIFESTS TO AVOID ANY VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE
7 BY US SHIPMENTS. AMMO SHIPMENTS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR ON PIECE BY
PIECE BASIS BY ARVN RECORDS OF AMMO EXPENDITURE ON FILE WITH US
MILITARY.

4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT ICCS POINT OF ENTRY TEAMS HAVE
SOUGHT TO WITNESS UNLOADING OF REPLACEMENT MUNITIONS OR OTHER-
WISE SUPERVISE PERIODIC SHIPMENTS. NEVERTHELESS US HAS
UNILATERALLY ENSURED THAT NO DELIVERIES HAVE BEEN MADE IN
VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 7, AND THE DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE IN
EVENT OF LATER REQUIREMENT TO JUSTIFY ACTIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.
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